**Status of Baglihar Hydro Power Project**

1492. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had inaugurated the Baglihar Hydro Power Project in October this year;

(b) if so, the power capacity added and how the same would be shared among the beneficiary States; and

(c) at what cost the project has been completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister has inaugurated the Baglihar Hydro Power Project (HEP) Stage-I on 10th October, 2008. With the commissioning of three units of Baglihar Hydro Power Project (Stage-I), 450 MW of power capacity has been added to power production capacity of the State Government. Baglihar HEP being a State Sector Project, Jammu & Kashmir is the sole beneficiary State from the Project.

(c) As informed by Government of J&K, the Stage-I approved cost of the Project is Rs.5,200 crore which includes some common works for Stage-II also.

**Development of Hydro Power Generation**

1493. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to give a big push to hydro-power in Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and other hilly regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to double the hydro-power capacity during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is its status in Orissa and what is Government's action plan to exploit this sector in this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The development of hydro power potential in Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and other major hilly regions has been given top priority by the Central Government. The details of the hydro-electric schemes presently under construction in these States are as under:-

| State | H.E. Schemes under Construction | |
|---|---|---|
| | Nos. | I.C. (MW) |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 2 | 2,600 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 5 | 749 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 14 | 4,435 |
| Uttarakhand | 4 | 1,850 |
| Sikkim | 4 | 1,919 |
| TOTAL | 29 | 11,553 |